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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, US

SUBJECT: KHADDAM VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: DAMASCUS 1544

1. IN YOUR ANTICIPATED NEXT MEETING WITH FONMIN KHADDAM, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST DATES OF APRIL 20-21 OR 21-22 FOR HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THIS TIME-FRAME STRIKES US AS MOST SUITABLE, COMING AS IT DOES FOLLOWING KHADDAM'S RETURN FROM NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN NEW DELHI AND THE DATES WE HAD ORIGINALLY SET ASIDE FOR THE VISIT OF CROWN PRINCE FAHD, AND PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF KING HUSSEIN IN WASHINGTON ON EVENING OF APRIL 24.

2. IF KHADDAM FINDS THESE DATES CONVENIENT, YOU MAY INFORM HIM THAT WE CONTEMPLATE ARRANGING A SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) A BRIEF CALL ON THE PRESIDENT ON THE MORNING OF THE
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FIRST DAY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY
A WORKING MEETING WITH ME IN THE

AFTERNOON; (B) A SMALL WORKING DINNER HOSTED BY ME THAT
EVENING; AND (C) A POSSIBLE SECOND MEETING BETWEEN KHADDAM
AND ME ON THE

SECOND DAY, IF THIS SHOULD PROVE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY.

3. IF KHADDAM FINDS FOREGOING SUGGESTIONS ACCEPTABLE, YOU SHOULD PLAN ON RETURNING TO WASHINGTON SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL. PLEASE GIVE HIM MY BEST REGARDS AND REPORT HIS REACTION SOONEST.

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